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I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

HOUSE

The House returns to begin appropriations hearings on the FY 2002 budget request.

SENATE

The Senate returns and expands its existing schedule for appropriations hearings on the FY 2002 budget request.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

House and Senate conferees for the FY 2002 Budget Resolution will meet on April 24 at 2:00 p.m. to begin resolving differences between the versions produced by the two chambers. For example, the House provides for the President's \$1.6 trillion tax cut over a ten year period, while the Senate offers a \$1.18 trillion cut; the Senate applies the difference to fund Federal programs including \$2 billion for energy efficiency and funding for climate change. With respect to discretionary spending, the House provides \$660 billion, and the Senate provides \$680 billion. Senate conferees include the following:

Republicans

- **Pete Domenici (NM)**, Chairman, Committee on the Budget; Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development (Committee on Appropriations); Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation (Committee on Energy and Natural Resources)
- **Phil Gramm (TX)**, Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Member, Committee on the Budget; Member, Committee on Finance
- **Chuck Grassley (IA)**, Chairman, Committee on Finance; Member, Committee on the Budget; Member, Senate Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus

Democrats

- **Kent Conrad (ND)**, Ranking Member, Committee on the Budget; Member, Committee on Finance;
- **Fritz Hollings (SC)**, Ranking Member, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Member, Committee on the Budget; Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary (Committee on Appropriations)
- **Paul Sarbanes (MD)**, Ranking Member, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs;

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Member, Committee on the Budget

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

HOUSE

No new information of interest to report.

SENATE

No new information of interest to report.

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III. NEW LEGISLATION

HOUSE

No new bills have been introduced.

SENATE

No new bills have been introduced.

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IV. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

POLITICAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs – Dan R. Brouillette – Mr. Brouillette is currently a partner with the Alpine Group, Inc., and served as the Legislative Director to Representative Billy Tauzin (R/LA) between 1989 and 1997. He graduated from the University of Maryland.

EARTH DAY

Earth Day Statement by the President:

As we celebrate Earth Day on this April 22, 2001, I encourage Americans to join me in renewing our commitment to protecting the environment and leaving our children and grandchildren with a legacy of clear water, clean air, and natural beauty.

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V. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

HOUSE – APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>April 25</i> – Subcommittee on Military Construction <i>(NEW)</i>	David Hobson (R/OH)	<i>Hearing</i> – Privatization of military family housing	Outside witnesses – TBA	9:30 a.m. Room B-300 Rayburn Office Building
<i>April 25</i> – Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies <i>(NEW)</i>	James Walsh (R/NY)	<i>Hearing</i> – Review of Department of Veterans' Affairs FY 2002 budget request	TBA	9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Room 2359 Rayburn Office Building
<i>April 25</i> – Subcommittee on Transportation and Related Agencies <i>(NEW)</i>	Harold Rogers (R/KY)	<i>Hearing</i> – Review of Department of Transportation FY 2002 budget request	Secretary Mineta	10:00 a.m. Room 2358 Rayburn Office Building
<i>April 25</i> – Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies <i>(NEW)</i>	Joe Skeen (R/NM)	<i>Hearing</i> – Review of Department of the Interior FY 2002 budget request (to include discussion on the \$4.9 billion, five-year, National Park Service maintenance backlog)	Secretary Norton	10:00 a.m. Room B-308 Rayburn Office Building

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
April 25 – Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration <i>(NEW)</i>	Henry Bonilla (R/TX)	Hearing – Review of energy supply and demand issues affecting the agricultural sector of the U.S. economy; focus is on how the current energy shortage is affecting farmers and ranchers	TBA	2:00 p.m. Room 1300 Longworth Office Building
April 26 – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies <i>(NEW)</i>	James Walsh (R/NY)	Hearing – Review of Department of Veterans’ Affairs FY 2002 budget request	TBA	9:30 a.m. Room 2359 Rayburn Office Building
May 2 – Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration <i>(NEW)</i>	Henry Bonilla (R/TX)	Hearing – Review of energy supply and demand issues affecting the agricultural sector of the U.S. economy; focus is on opportunities to help farmers and ranchers through the production of new fuel sources such as ethanol and biodiesel	TBA	2:00 p.m. Room 1300 Longworth Office Building
May 3 – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies <i>(NEW)</i>	James Walsh (R/NY)	Hearing – Review of National Aeronautic and Space Administration FY 2002 budget request	TBA	9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Room 2359 Rayburn Office Building
May 3 – Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies <i>(NEW)</i>	Joe Skeen (R/NM)	Hearing – Department of Energy FY 2002 budget request	Secretary Abraham	10:00 a.m. Room B-308 Rayburn Office Building
May 3 – Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government <i>(NEW)</i>	Ernest Istook (R/OK)	Hearing – Review of Department of the Treasury’s FY 2002 budget request	Secretary O’Neill	10:00 a.m. Room – TBA Rayburn Office Building
May 9 – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies <i>(NEW)</i>	James Walsh (R/NY)	Hearing – Review of the Environmental Protection Agency FY 2002 budget request	TBA	1:30 p.m. Room 2359 Rayburn Office Building
May 9 – Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General	Ernest Istook (R/OK)	Hearing – Review of the General Service Administration FY 2002 budget request	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 2359 Rayburn Office Building

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Government (<i>NEW</i>)				
May 10 – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies (<i>NEW</i>)	James Walsh (R/NY)	Hearing – Review of the Environmental Protection Agency FY 2002 budget request	TBA	9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Room 2359 Rayburn Office Building
May 10 – Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development (<i>NEW</i>)	Sonny Callahan (R/AL)	Hearing – Selected DOE energy resource and science programs	Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; Director, Office of Science; Director, Office of Nuclear Energy	10:00 a.m. Room 2362 Rayburn Office Building
May 10 – Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government (<i>NEW</i>)	Ernest Istook (R/OK)	Hearing – Office of Management and Budget	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 144 Capitol Building
May 22 – Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (<i>NEW</i>)	Ralph Regula (R/OH)	Hearing - Department of Health and Human Services FY 2002 budget request	Secretary Thompson	10:00 p.m. Room 2358 Rayburn Office Building
May 22 – Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (<i>NEW</i>)	Ralph Regula (R/OH)	Hearing – Department of Labor FY 2002 budget request	Secretary Chao	2:00 p.m. Room 2358 Rayburn Office Building

HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>April 25</i> – Committee on Science (NEW)	Sherwood Boehlert (R/NY)	Hearing – Proposed Federal R&D budget for FY 2002 for the Department of Energy, and three other agencies; focus is on each agency's budget, approach to R&D, and coordination among agencies	James Decker, DOE's Office of Science	10:00 a.m. Room 2318 Rayburn Office Building
<i>April 26</i> – Subcommittee on Energy (Committee on Science) (NEW)	Roscoe Bartlett (R/MD)	Hearing – Department of Energy's FY 2002 budget request (including energy efficiency and renewable energy)	Six DOE officials (EERE witness list pending); Outside witnesses include Michael Marvin, Business Council for Sustainable Energy	10:00 a.m. Room 2318 Rayburn Office Building
<i>April 26</i> – Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities (Committee on Armed Services) (NEW)	Jim Saxton (R/NJ)	Hearing – Conditions of military facilities and their effect on readiness and quality of life	Maj. General Robert Van Antwerp, Assistant Chief of Staff for Installations Management, Army; Rear Admiral David Pruett, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Navy; Major General Earnest Robbins, The Civil Engineer, Air Force; Brigadier General Michael Lehnert, Assistant Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics, Marine Corps	10:00 a.m. Room 2212 Rayburn Office Building
<i>May 1</i> – Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality (Committee on Energy and Commerce) (NEW)	Joe Barton (R/TX)	Hearing – H.R. __ – <i>The Electricity Emergency Act of 2001</i>	TBA	1:00 p.m. Room 2123 Rayburn Office Building

SENATE – APPROPRIATIONS

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>April 24</i> – Subcommittee on	Conrad Burns (R/MT)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 138

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
Interior and Related Agencies <i>(UPDATED)</i>		for the Department of Interior (to include discussion on the \$4.9 billion, five-year, National Park Service maintenance backlog)		Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 25</i> – Subcommittee on Defense	Jerry Lewis (R/CA)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of Defense	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 192 Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 25</i> – Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education	Arlen Specter (R/PA)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of Health and Human Services	TBA	9:00 a.m. Room 124 Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 25</i> – Subcommittee on Defense	Ted Stevens (R/AK)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of the Army	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 192 Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 25</i> – Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies	Thad Cochran (R/MS)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of Agriculture	TBA	1:30 p.m. Room 138 Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 26</i> – Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government <i>(NEW)</i>	Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R/C)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of the Treasury	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 485 Russell Office Building
<i>April 26</i> – Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary <i>(NEW)</i>	Judd Gregg (R/NH)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of Justice	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 192 Dirksen Office Building
<i>April 26</i> – Subcommittee on Transportation <i>(NEW)</i>	Richard Shelby (R/AL)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Department of Transportation	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 124 Dirksen Office Building
<i>May 1</i> – Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development	Pete Domenici (R/NM)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimate for DOE’s energy efficiency, renewable energy, science, and nuclear energy programs	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 124 Dirksen Office Building
<i>May 2</i> – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies	Christopher Bond (R/MO)	Budget Overview – proposed FY 2000 Budget estimates for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 138 Dirksen Office Building
<i>May 8</i> –	Conrad Burns	Hearing – Proposed FY	TBA	10:00 a.m.

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Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies	(R/MT)	2002 budget estimates for the Department of Energy		Room 124 Dirksen Office Building
<i>May 9</i> – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies	Christopher Bond (R/MO)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the National Aeronautic and Space Administration	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 138 Dirksen Office Building
<i>June 13</i> – Subcommittee on Veterans’ Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies	Christopher Bond (R/MO)	Hearing – Proposed FY 2002 budget estimates for the Environmental Protection Agency	TBA	10:00 a.m. Room 138 Dirksen Office Building

SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

Date/Committee	Chair	Hearing Title/Issues	Witnesses	Time/Location
<i>April 25</i> – Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Foreign Commerce, and Tourism (Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation) (NEW)	Conrad Burns (R/MT)	Hearing – Examination of West Coast gas prices in comparison to other regions of the U.S.	TBA	2:30 p.m. Room 253 Russell Office Building
<i>April 26</i> – Committee on Energy and Natural Resources (NEW)	Frank Murkowski (R/AK)	Oversight Hearing – Consideration of national energy policy with respect to fuel specifications and infrastructure constraints and the impact on energy supply and price around the U.S. including a discussion of the various state, local, and county restrictions and their impact	TBA	9:30 a.m. Room 366 Dirksen Office Building

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